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COUNSELING FOR THE BACCALAUREATE & MASTERS DEGREES

Anyone working toward a BA/BS or MA in Education will be glad to know that Dr. Troy Sullivan, UAA Dept. of Education will be at MSCC on 15 January 79. Dr. Sullivan will provide guidance and counseling to students in education. He will be at Mat-Su from 1:00 P.M. until 5:20 P.M. Any person who wants an appointment to see Dr. Sullivan should see Julie at the front desk or call 745-4256.

INCOMPLETE ("I") IS NOT A GRADE

Many students receive an incomplete ("I") because of unavoidable absences or other conditions beyond their control. The "I" indicates that additional work must be performed for satisfactory completion of the course. The grade for work that is incomplete (I) must be made up within one academic year or otherwise the incomplete becomes a permanent grade. For students seeking further education - Baccalaureate or Masters Degrees - the incomplete may prohibit the student from being accepted into a higher education program at a desirable institution. The I is considered a failing grade after one year therefore VA students are required to repay the Veteran's Administration for any incomplete grades that are not changed to passing grades: A, B, C, D.

Students who are receiving financial aid may be denied further financial aid if the incomplete is not replaced by satisfactory grades.

DEGREE COMPLETION

If you are planning to complete your degree requirements during the Spring 79 Semester - Now is the time to complete the Application For Degree. Also, there is other paperwork that must be submitted on each student. Don't be late, get your paperwork together as soon as possible. Woody is available to assist you.

WITHDRAWALS

Some students are dropping courses and not taking the proper actions to withdraw. The official withdrawal process is very simple, painless, takes only three minutes and doesn't cost one cent. It may save the students a little bit of anxiety and heartbreak as they continue to pursue the academic rainbow. Persons who do not officially

withdraw from a course may find themselves with a number of failing (F) grades and a low grade point average (GPA). If you plan to drop a course, see Woody or stop by the desk and talk to one of the girls.

THE PURPOSE OF MSCC

The purpose of Matanuska-Susitna Community College is to serve:

1. People interested in transferring to a four-year College or University.
2. People desiring job preparation in two years or less.
3. People who are seeking specific training or retraining for a single trade or function.
4. People who wish to broaden their educational background for personal reasons.
5. People who need or desire educational counseling.
6. People who feel the need to involve themselves in creative or cultural affairs.

The objectives of the MSCC are:

1. To help people find their place in today's society.
2. To increase people's desire for knowledge.
3. To develop responsibility and leadership qualities necessary to cope with life.

A UNIQUE TRAINING PROGRAM

Each year in Alaska, as the population increases and the fishing and farming industries become more highly developed, the demand for more highly developed, the demand for more sophisticated heating and refrigeration equipment becomes more intense. Coupled with the growing need for complex heating and refrigeration systems is an ever louder call for people trained to design, sell, assemble and maintain these units. The Alaska Department of Labor's Occupational Employments Forecast indicates that an average of 60 new refrigeration and heating jobs will open up each year between now and 1985.

With the need well identified and established, the question then became, Who will train all the Alaskans needed to fill these jobs? The answer: Matanuska-Susitna Community College. Four years ago the college inaugurated the only refrigeration and heating program being offered in Alaska today. The program utilizes two full-time teachers, John Vance and Ray Hough, and a fully equipped modern classroom on the community college campus.

Students enrolled in this program can work toward an Associate of Applied Science degree with a major in refrigeration and heating, awarded after the completion of a 2 year course of study, or a Certificate of Training, awarded in either trade at the end of a 1 year program. Thus far, seven degrees and thirty certificates have been awarded in this program.

The men and women graduated from the program were able to find a wide variety of jobs ranging from heating and refrigeration supply house clerks and managers to heating and refrigeration mechanics and sales engineers. They also found themselves qualified to work in many jobs requiring electrical training since the course work covers an extensive study of electrical systems. Vance says this heavy emphasis in electrical training is highly practical because "almost 90 percent of the trouble calls received by repair services for heating and refrigeration systems are electrical in nature."

Students working under Vance and Hough spend 24 hours a week in classroom instruction and lab work where they are able to work on model equipment similar to the furnaces and refrigeration units they will find in the field. Most instruction occurs right in the classroom but Vance and Hough also offer on-the-job training for people already employed in the heating and refrigeration fields, and Hough, in cooperation with Public Health officials, conducts mini-courses in many villages around Alaska. These short courses, which are often a week long, are designed to train people to operate the equipment utilized in their villages safely and efficiently.

In addition to maintaining close contact with the changing field needs in heating and refrigeration, Vance and Hough along with Eugene B. Scheer, Dean of Career Education at Matanuska-Susitna Community College, are working to acquaint Alaskans with career opportunities in the heating and refrigeration field. They have prepared a brochure outlining these opportunities and courses offered at the college to train people for job openings in this filed. Last spring they wrote hundreds of letters to graduating Alaska high school seniors telling them about the heating and refrigeration program at the Palmer campus. Vance put it this way: "The jobs are there; we are here. Now we need to get both parts of this message out to the poeple it will help the most - men and women looking for a career in a secure and growing field right here in Alaska."

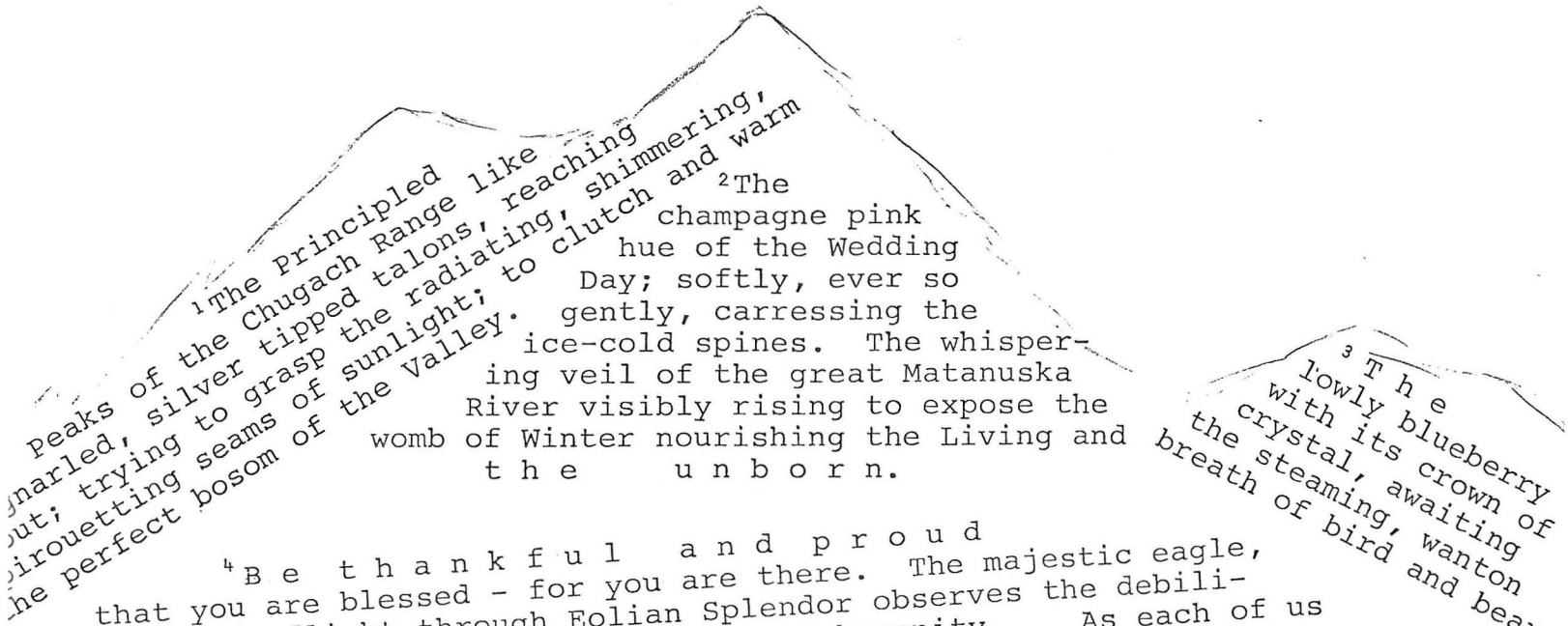
NOTICE to VA Students

All students receiving VA benefits who wish to be paid for the holiday break period should see Woody and sign the VA Forms if you haven't already done so.

"Every man should have two educations;
One to teach him how to earn a living,
the other to teach him how to live."

- George Washington

BEAUTIFUL MATANUSKA



[1]The Principled Peaks of the Chugach Range like gnarled, silver tipped talons, reaching out; trying to grasp the radiating, shimmering, pirouetting seams of sunlight; to clutch and warm the perfect bosom of the Valley. [2]The champagne pink hue of the Wedding Day; softly, ever so gently, carressing the ice-cold spines. The whispering veil of the great Matanuska River visibly rising to expose the womb of Winter nourishing the Living and t h e u n b o r n. [3]T h e lowly blueberry with its crown of crystal, awaiting the steaming, wanton breath of bird and bear.

[4]B e t h a n k f u l a n d p r o u d that you are blessed - for you are there. The majestic eagle, soaring in flight through Eolian Splendor observes the debilitating, dysfunctional venomous breath of humanity. As each of us are crushed by the a v a l a n c h e o f a g e s p a s t.

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Gene Scheer, Dean, Career Education, announces the employment of Henry Nosek for the position of Aviation Technology Instructor.

ALASKA STATUTE 1835

A.S. 1835 prohibits smoking in specified areas, ie; Classrooms, libraries, hallways, etc. A smoking area is provided at MSCC for all smokers. If you smoke, please use the receptacles provided and do not grind your cigarettes into the carpet and entranceway floors. Also, the immediate outside areas near the exits and entrance look better if they aren't cluttered with trash and cigarettes. This is your school, take pride in it. Help us to maintain its aesthetic value.

AN EXPERIENCE WHILE ICE SKATING IN A MOOSE HERD

About, Above, Before, Behind
Between, Beside, Within
Against, Across, Among, Upon,
By, Into, In
With, Under, At, On,
Over, After, Too
Of, Off, During, Far
From, Near, Through

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